

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *January 24, 2017*

Location: *RM 305*

Convened: *10:05 AM*

Adjourned: *10:50 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Shipley-CH, Brown-VC, Hart-RM, Kinney, Rozenboom; Representatives Mommsen-CH, Zumbach-VC, Ourth-RM, Bacon, Hein, Isenhardt, Paustian, Prichard, Steckman

Absent:

Excused:

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Mommsen in room 305. Roll was called with all legislators present. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction. Representative Mommsen introduced the speaker, Secretary Bill Northey, the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

Secretary Northey started discussion with the impact that appropriations has on Iowa's agriculture. He shared that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship should be able to handle the upcoming budget cuts. Secretary Northey also discussed how the department is going to approach the cuts being made to the department.

The first handout was a longer spreadsheet with numbers pertaining to each of the department's program activities. This sheet was a 3-Year Program Summary.

The next handout discussed the Initial IDALS Cost Estimate Increase. He opened for discussion pertaining to the second handout. Discussion followed with questions from Representative Mommsen, Representative Prichard, Senator Kinney, Representative Steckman, Representative Ourth, and Representative Paustian.

Secretary Northey transitioned discussion towards the \$500,000 request for disease control from the animal industry. Discussion followed with questions from Senator Hart. Secretary Northey recognized that this is a challenging budget time, however the \$500,000 will be very helpful. Discussion followed with questions from Senator Shipley.

The last handouts that Secretary Northey discussed were the Soil Conservation Cost Share-SFY 2016 Annual Report, and the Iowa Water Quality Initiative-2017 Legislative Report. Discussion followed from Representative Isenhardt. Senator Hart was recognized and asked a question pertaining to Section 179 tax coupling.

Representative Mommsen thanked Secretary Bill Northey for his time at the meeting and called for any further questions or discussion. He announced that the speaker for tomorrow's meeting would be Chuck Gipp, the director of the Department of Natural Resources.

With no further discussion, Senator Hart moved to arise.

Cassie Bond, Committee Secretary